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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks, and also submit the following listed documents:

- (1) Official Letters Patent for U.S. Patent No. 6,330,755;
- (2) Consent of Assignee, for filing the above-identified reissue application;
- (3) Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b); and
- (4) Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration and Power of Attorney by Inventor.

Furthermore, noting the comments by the Examiner concerning the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 23, 2002, also enclosed herewith is a Supplementing Information Disclosure Statement, with respect